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1. The airfield was at the foot of a ridge, east of the railroad station of Vayenga (69°05' N/33°27' E), Murmansk Oblast, and east of the Vayenga-Rozhalkova (69°4' N/33°22' E) road. A block of four barracks buildings, allegedly naval air force quarters, were under construction north of the field. (17)
2. From 100 to 200 fighters, twin-engine bombers and biplanes were stationed at the field.
3. The field was southeast of Vayenga and southeast of a bridge and a railway bridge. (18) It was not possible to observe the field from the road running along its western border.
4. Many new residential blocks for air force personnel were north of the field, along the road leading northwest into the town.
5. An underground fuel dump, 60x30x200 meters, was adjacent to the railroad station, which was located west of the field and the river. Four to six tank trucks drove daily from the field to the dump.

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Vayenga Airfield

[redacted] was in a small bay west of Vayenga and north of Verkhni Vorlan. (S)

8. The airfield was 2 km southeast of the Vayenga railroad station. (S) Six barracks for pilots were north of the field. PWs who did construction work there said that the barracks were occupied by about 200 naval officer candidates who were given pilot training at the field.
9. There was flying with about 50 single-engine biplanes, single-engine monoplanes, radial engine, retractable landing gear, short stubby fuselage, large rudder assembly, called Ratas by PWs, and 25 to 30 twin-engine torpedo planes, single rudder assembly, plexiglass nose compartment, noticeably long pilot's cockpit, one torpedo (3 to 4 meters long, about 30 cm caliber) in both sides of fuselage at wing root. (S) The torpedoes released over Kolski Bay were taken to the shore by police boats and then trucked to the field. Flying was also practiced with about 10 twin-engine bombers, plexiglass cockpit canopy and rear gunner's station, single rudder assembly, wings from engines slightly dihedral, called Bristol-Blenheims by PWs, about four twin-engine flying boats, high-wing monoplanes, wings braced at fuselage, one extensible float at both wing tips, plexiglass cockpit canopy and pilot's seat, and various planes of German make, such as Me-109s, Arados, and Focke-Wulfs with double fuselage. (S)
10. The naval airfield south of Vayenga and west of the railroad station had many hangars. (S)
11. There was day and night flying with twin-engine Bostons and IL-2s. (S)
12. A seaplane base was located in Roata (69°03' N/33°05' E). Many twin-engine and four-engine seaplanes came from and headed in this direction. (S)
13. The airfield was south of Vayenga and the railroad station, west of a highway coming from the town and the harbor. (S) There were naval pilot's barracks, former infantry barracks which were reconstructed and renovated by PWs. Officers' billets and the pilot's club were beside the barracks. There was intensive day and night flying.
14. The seaplane base west of the town had two large hangars. Flying with biplanes with floats and multi-engine flying boats was intensive. (S)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) This is the first postwar report on the airfields near Vayenga. For location of fields see Annex. The airfield southeast of Vayenga seems to be an important naval air base. The statements in paragraphs C-9 particularly indicate that a naval pilot school for combat training is stationed there.
- (2) The size of the torpedoes seems to be underrated. IL-2s and Boston-III are obviously also being used as torpedo planes.
- (3) From the heavy occupation by fighters and twin-engine torpedo bombers it seems possible that, besides the pilot school, a fighter and torpedo bomber unit is also stationed at the field.
- (4) The seaplane base west of Vayenga is presumably occupied by a naval patrol and seaplane pilots and apparently given primary training there.

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